Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that the District Boards have neglected all the old Taluk Board roads and that these are all in disrepair?

Dewan.—

Such an unqualified statement cannot be correct.

MESSRS. M. C. LINGE GOWDA and S. C. MALLAIYA (Mandya Taluk); K. V. VEERANNA (Chamarajanagar Taluk); C. MARI GOWDA (Krishnarajpet Taluk); K. M. KRISHNAPPA GOWDA (Nagamangala Taluk); KULLE GOWDA, S. DEVAYYA and SIVANANJE GOWDA (Seringapatam Taluk); M. SUBBAYYA (Seringapatam Municipality); G. MALLANNA and R. DEVAYYA (Mysore Taluk); GURUKAR NANJAPPA (Gundlupet Taluk); B. CHANNAPPA (Yedatore Taluk); H. R. T. RAJAGOPALA MUDALIAR and HANUMANTHA SETTY (Hunsur Taluk); PUTTASWAMI GOWDA (Malvalli Taluk); H. C. DASAPPA and K. DHANAKOTI SETTY (Special Interests); T. MARIAPPA and IBRAHIM KHAN SAHIB (Minority Interests).—

Q.—12. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the Government contemplate issuing a circular that, during the stage of investigation, the investigating officer need not take down the statements of witnesses but that it would be sufficient to take down notes of their statements?

(*b*) Is there any recommendation to such an effect from the Police Department?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to make any such notes taken during the investigation available to the accused at the time of the trial?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—12. (*a*) No.

(*b*) No. The Inspector-General of Police has issued a circular calling attention to the existing orders in paras 191, 192 and 193 of the Police Manual, Vol. I, regarding the procedure laid down for writing up the case of special diaries.

(*c*) The rules of evidence as laid down in the Indian Evidence Act will be followed as heretofore.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

When was this circular issued by the Inspector-General of Police?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

On 7-3-1933.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

What was the reason for issuing a special circular?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

Because the rules were not being followed strictly.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

What is the subject matter of the circular?

First Member of Council.—

If you want, we shall place the circular on the table. You can see that for yourself and then put questions. The circular seems to be perfectly all right.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

If, instead of taking down the statements of witnesses in full, only notes are taken, does it not amount to allowing the police officers to use their own discretion in the matter?

First Member of Council.—

They will do what is right according to law. Is there anything in the Criminal Procedure Code to show that full statements should be recorded in all cases? The Inspector-General's circular states that in petty cases detailed statements are not necessary.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Will this be confined to petty cases?

First Member of Council.—

If you read the circular you will find it stated that the practice has grown up of writing the diaries in a verbose and redundant manner, that statements of witnesses are given at length even in the most petty cases, and appended to the

diaries are verbatim statements of witnesses signed sometimes by the witnesses, though such proceedings are unnecessary. It was with a view to simplify the procedure that the circular was issued. If you see paras 191 to 193 of the Police Manual, you will find that there is nothing in the circular beyond what is stated there.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

According to Section 162, Criminal Procedure Code, copies of statements have to be furnished to the parties. Does not this circular go against it ?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.

Would it not be better to make it clear that this circular would apply only to petty cases ?

First Member of Council.—

We will not interfere with it unless it goes against the Criminal Procedure Code and the Police Manual. There is nothing in the circular which goes against the Criminal Procedure Code and which will prejudice the investigation. It says that the fullness with which such statements are taken will depend upon the importance of the case. Under Section 162 of the Criminal Procedure Code, the court might want that even the note books containing the statements should be produced. I think it will be more profitable if you make your remarks on the circular after you have seen it.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

I shall be satisfied if an assurance is given that in heinous cases full statements will be taken.

First Member of Council.—

There is the Police Manual and the Inspector-General of Police will see that it is followed.

MR. R. P. RAJANNA (Goribidnur Taluk).—

Q. 15.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Has not the Senior Surgeon addressed the District